

Special Youth Opportunities

Robbins Butte Youth-Only Dove Hunt

Robbins Butte Wildlife Area (RBWA) is about seven miles southwest of Buckeye and comprises more than 1,600 acres. RBWA was purchased for its potential as waterfowl habitat. Three ponds were built in 1952 and by 1957 an estimated 30,000 ducks used these ponds. However, increased demand for agricultural water coupled with invasion of salt cedar trees led to dramatic waterfowl declines by 1960.

In response, the Department purchased the adjacent Black Butte Farm to expand RBWA. This land contained some of the last pristine honey mesquite bosque remaining along the lower Gila River. This acquisition protected the bosque, and provided cultivated grain crops for small game. The combination of wildlife food crops, natural foods and nesting habitat now attracts a combined average of 5,000 breeding white-winged and mourning doves each year.

A portion of RBWA is managed strictly for youth hunters. The special hunt is open to youth up to their 18th birthday, those 10 years and older need a valid hunting license and migratory bird stamp (included in youth license). Shooting locations are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must check in prior to hunting and check out when finished. On Sat., Sept. 3, plan to arrive by 4:30 a.m. for



A dove hunt at Robbins Butte is one opportunity available to youth.

a safety briefing and location assignments. Afterward, visit the check-in tables and enjoy a free breakfast provided by the Youth Outdoors Unlimited. Oh, and don't forget to bring plenty of shells. This area can produce lots of chances to fill your bag. Please refer to the current Dove and Band-tailed Pigeon Regulations for specific season dates at www.azgfd.gov/dove.

Game Camps, Scholastic Clays and Archery

Learn to Hunt Events

The Arizona Game and Fish Department offers camps on hunting basics to individuals who are interested in hunting but may not know where to start. These hands-on workshops teach the skills necessary to successfully pursue the variety of game animals found in Arizona. Both adults and youth are invited to participate. The camps include instruction and the opportunity to interact with experienced mentors and other camp participants. Attendees will learn information on firearm safety, hunting opportunities, game care, archery instruction and more. There will also be hands-on hunting opportunities. A schedule of upcoming camps is listed on pages 26–30 and also at www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills.

Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP)

The Arizona Game and Fish Department Scholastic Clay Target Program is a team-based youth development program that uses the shotgun sports to instill discipline, safety, teamwork, ethics, self-confidence and

other life values. Team members can participate in any or all three clay target disciplines: trap, skeet and sporting clays. For more information, contact the Shooting Sports coordinator at (623) 236-7305 or visit www.azgfd.gov/sctp.

National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP)

The Arizona Game and Fish Department offers the national Archery in the Schools Program based on a national physical education curriculum introduced in 2003. The core content covers archery, history, safety, techniques, equipment, mental concentration and self-improvement. In addition, the curriculum provides interesting and creative possibilities for integration with core content in social studies, mathematics, visual arts, history and English/language arts. The program provides school PE programs with training, equipment and curriculum to introduce youth to archery. For more information, contact the Archery coordinator at (623) 236-7233 or visit www.azgfd.gov/archery.

Commission-owned Shooting Ranges are Great for Practice

Shooting facilities provide a safe environment to practice for upcoming hunting seasons. Shooting ranges provide shooters with many benefits, including controlled settings, training and education. At a range, shooters at any skill level can practice, sight-in firearms, receive instruction and discover communities of like-minded enthusiasts.

Name	Address and Phone	Facilities Include	Website
Ben Avery Shooting Facility	4044 W. Black Canyon Blvd., Phoenix AZ, 85086 (623) 582-8313	Outdoor Pistol (100 yds), Outdoor Rifle (1000 yds), Rifle Silhouette, Pistol Silhouette, Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays, Archery, Airgun	www.azgfd.gov/basf
Northern Arizona Shooting Range	I-40 East to Winnona Exit, go south to Forest Service Road 128/128A for 7.3 miles Contact: nasrange2013-info@yahoo.com	Outdoor Pistol (50 yds), Outdoor Rifle (100 yds), Shotgun, Trap, Skeet	www.northernarizonashootingrange.org
Rio Salado Sportsman's Club/ Userly Mountain Shooting Range	3960 N. Userly Pass Mesa AZ, 85207 (480) 984-9610	Outdoor Pistol (7 to 300 yds), Outdoor Rifle (7 to 300 yds), Rifle Silhouette, Pistol Silhouette, Muzzleloading, Airgun, Sporting Clays, Trap	www.riosaladosportsmans.com
Seven Mile Hill Shooting Range	3155 Oatman Road Kingman AZ, 86413 (928) 753-8038	Outdoor Pistol (200 yds), Outdoor Rifle (200/1000 yds), Rifle Silhouette, Pistol Silhouette, Muzzleloading, Trap, Archery, Skeet	www.mohavesportsmanclub.com
Sierra Vista Shooting Range	3300 Highway 90 Sierra Vista AZ, 85650 (520) 508-9846	Outdoor Pistol (to 200 yd/mtr), Outdoor Rifle (to 500 yd/mtr), Rifle Silhouette, Pistol Silhouette, Muzzleloading	www.sierravistarange.org
Silver Creek	88 Hatchery Road, Show Low, AZ 85901 (928) 242-1285	archery	www.whitemountainbowhunter.com
St. John's Shooting Range	320 CR6350, St. Johns, AZ 85936 (928) 337-2254	rifle, pistol, shotgun, archery events	www.nasashootingsports.com
Three Points Public Shooting Range	18300 W. Ajo Highway Tucson AZ, 85735 (520) 822-5189	Outdoor Pistol (25-200 yds), Outdoor Rifle (100-1000 yds), Rifle Silhouette, Pistol Silhouette, Muzzleloading	www.tucsonrifleclub.org
Tri-State Shooting Park	Boundary Cone Road at mile marker 7 (closest town is Bullhead City) (702) 371-1532	Outdoor Rifle and Pistol (200 yds), Outdoor Pistol (50 yds), Shotgun, Trap, Skeet	www.tsp-range.org
Second Knoll Target Range	opening summer 2016 in Show Low		

The Where to Shoot website (www.wheretoshoot.org) provides easy access to target shooting and hunting facilities. Simply specify a state to view all ranges within that state, or narrow the search by area code or zip code.

New to Hunting?

Are you interested in going hunting, but not sure where to start? The Arizona Game and Fish Department has partnered with many organizations who host events for beginners to learn about hunting and wildlife conservation. This Outdoor Skills Network offers dozens of public learn how to hunt events, many of them offering mentoring, using best practices and standards that are safe and insure skill development experiences for the participants. Below is a listing of some of the upcoming events.



PLAN AHEAD: Hunter Education Classes and Field Days are limited and fill up quickly. Before applying for a big game hunt permit-tag and associated event, youth hunters are encouraged to make sure they allow sufficient time to complete the class and field day prior to the event by consulting the available Hunter Education class and Field Day schedule and wait lists by visiting: www.azgfd.gov/huntered. Big game species include: black bear, buffalo, bighorn sheep, elk, javelina, turkey, mountain lion, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and white-tailed deer.



Events designated by the orange hunter icon are big game hunts and may require hunter education and a field day for some participants based on their age. 10 years old is the minimum age to hunt big game. Hunter Education is mandatory for youth ages 10–13 to hunt big game.

June–September: Family Camping at Camp Colley

Family camping themed weekend adventures that include hiking, mountain biking, archery, air rifle, canoeing, crayfishing, horse-back riding, and projects all to connect you with nature. Watershed improvement projects included in our National Trails Day and National Public Lands Day events. Camping equipment and meals are provided. Fee required.

- Location: 7379 Forest Service Rd. 9032H, Happy Jack, AZ 86024
- Hosted by: Arizona Parks and Recreation Fellowship
- Register: Contact Jeff Spellman, campcolley@gmail.com; <http://aprf.org/campcolley>

June–July: Outdoor Skills Summer Adventure Camps – AOE

Multiple camps, daily and overnight camps for kids ages 10-17 for beginners, intermediate and advanced (ages vary) to learn

outdoor skills and activities including archery, air gun, shotgun, kayaking, fishing, hiking, camping, survival skills, outdoor games, Flagstaff Extreme Ropes, mountain biking and more (skills vary by level), fee required.

- Dates: June 6-10; 13-17; 20-24; and July 10-16
- Locations: Ben Avery Shooting Facility, Camp Colley, Flagstaff, Grand Canyon & other National Parks
- Hosted by: Arizona Outdoor Experience
- Contact: Kent Younger at younger@azoutdoorexperience.com, or (623) 810-4633 6-9pm
- Register: www.azoutdoorexperience.com

June: Cabela's Fall Hunt University "BEFORE the Hunt"

BEFORE the Hunt clinics will help you get prepared on who, what, where, when, how, rules, regulations, safety, animal behavior and signs, navigating, equipment and more, with comprehensive mentoring, education, hands-on hunting clinics for novice to experienced hunters of all ages and genders. Free.

- Dates: Saturdays in June 10 am to 1 pm
- Location: Cabela's, Glendale, AZ
- Hosted by: Cabela's and our conservation partners
- Information: <http://www.cabelas.com/glendale>
- Register: Debra Roedl at debra.roedl@cabelas.com

June 18: J.A.K.E.S. Day

Kids 17 and younger learn basics of archery, shotgun, .22 rifle and other outdoor activities safely and ethically. All equipment provided, lunch and 1-year NWTF JAKES membership included. Free.

- Location: Fort Huachuca Sportsman's Center
- Hosted by: Huachuca Gould's Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation
- Information: www.nwtfhuagoulds.org
- Register: by June 13 John Millican at (520) 508-4272, j2dbmill@msn.com

June 18: Stan Greer Memorial Shoot 'N' Shindig

Family event for youth to compete in silhouette target shooting with a scoped .22 rifle. Equipment, ammunition and safety equipment provided. Pot luck lunch, raffles and prizes. Free, starts at 9 am.

- Location: Sierra Vista, Sierra Vista Shooting Range
- Hosted by: Huachuca White-Tail Club
- Register by June 11th: Tom Green at 520-255-1652, tmgreen_1@hotmail.com

July: Cabela's Fall Hunt University "DURING the Hunt"

DURING the Hunt clinics will help you to be successful using archery and rifles with lessons on gear, playing the wind, calling, timing, stalking, filming your hunt, safety, blinds, tree stands, tracking and more, with

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July 19: Combo Elk & Pronghorn Antelope Hunting Seminar

Elk seminar with Corky Richardson, PSE Pro/Cabela's Pro/Guide teaching the tactics, tips and techniques for hunting elk with bow or rifle. This is the largest elk-hunting seminar in Arizona! Also, pronghorn antelope seminar with Tony and Eli Grimmert's Pronghorn Guide Service, teaching you all that aspects of hunting antelope, field judging and more. Both seminars taking place at the same time. Dinner, auctions, raffles galore, door prizes, veteran recognition, and many vendors! Free, doors open 5 pm.

- Location: Calvary Community Church, 12612 N. Black Canyon Hwy, Phoenix 85029 west side entrance
- Hosted by: Desert Christian Archers, PSE Archery, Ruger Firearms
- Information: AJ Murosky at info@desertchristianarchers.org, or www.desertchristianarchers.org

August: Cabela's Fall Hunt University "AFTER the Hunt"

AFTER the Hunt clinics will cover all the topics after the shot including, tracking, signs to your fallen animal, step by step field dressing (we will be using harvested goats for these classes), taxidermy preparation, meat processing, cooking and more, with comprehensive mentoring, education, hands-on hunting clinics for novice to experienced hunters of all ages and genders. Free.

- Dates: Saturdays, June thru August, from 10 am to 1 pm
- Location: Cabela's, Glendale, AZ
- Hosted by: Cabela's and our conservation partners

Aug. 13-14: PPCI Predator Hunting Boot Camp – George Knox Memorial

Youth, adults and families beginners can learn about predator calling, hunting, biology and ecology of predators and fur-bearers, other outdoor skill activities, food provided and camping.

- Location: Woods Canyon Lake area, Vincent Ranch Unit 4A
- Hosted By: Phoenix Varmint Callers, Arizona Elk Society
- Register: Ray Evridge at evridgeknives@sportsmancommunity.com

Sept. 2-3: Safford Youth Dove Hunting Clinic and Hunt

Experts teach youth new to hunting about firearm safety, dove science, identification, locating, hunting and cleaning and cooking dove. Evening clinic, followed by live hunt next day.

- Location: Dry Lake Park, Safford area
- Hosted by: Arizona Game and Fish, South Eastern Arizona Sportsmen Club
- Registration by August 30: Devin Skinner, (520) 591-7880, ds Skinner@azgfd.gov

Sept. 3: Robbins Butte Mentored Youth Dove Hunt

Learn how to dove hunt from experienced hunters including, identification, hunting tips, gun safety, mentoring and food provided just for kids at a Game and Fish wildlife area managed for migratory birds.

- Location: Buckeye, Robbins Butte Wildlife Area
- Hosted by: Arizona Game and Fish, Youth Outdoors Unlimited, Arizona Outdoor Sports, National Wild Turkey Federation
- Registration required: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

Sept. 3-4: Open Dove Hunting Area Youth-only Robbins Butte

Designated area just for youth dove hunters at a Game and Fish wildlife area managed for migratory birds, self-serve, walk-in, some information.

- Location: Buckeye, Robbins Butte Wildlife Area
- Hosted by: Arizona Game and Fish
- Information: www.azgfd.gov/dove

Sept. 7 and 10: Youth and Families Beginner's Dove Hunt – CJ Biller Memorial

Classroom instruction Wednesday on hunting doves, shotgun instruction, firearm safety and clay target shooting, followed by a real dove hunt on Saturday. 30 spaces available.

- Location: Mesa, Utery Mountain Shooting Range, Game and Fish Mesa Office
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited, CJ Biller Family, Arizona Outdoor Sports, Game and Fish
- Register: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

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- Location: Cabela's, Glendale, AZ
- Hosted by: Cabela's and our conservation partners
- Information: <http://www.cabelas.com/glendale>
- Register: Debra Roedl at debra.roedl@cabelas.com

Interested, but not ready to go hunting yet?

Don't worry, we still want you to come on out and see what the outdoor experience is all about. Hunting is just one portion of these events. Many of these camps are also open to people wishing to learn more about wildlife biology, ecology and its habits; target shooting; archery; wildlife viewing; camping; camaraderie and more. If you are interested, just contact the camp host and let them know. **Attending the annual Outdoor Expo** is another great opportunity to learn more about outdoor recreation activities. Visit www.azgfd.gov/expo for information about this annual event.

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Sept. 9–11: Becoming an Outdoors-Woman

Workshop for adult women (18 and older) that teaches basic outdoor skills in a fun non-threatening environment, including sessions on fishing, hunting, kayaking, hiking, rappelling, camping, GPS and more are offered. Classes are held during the day with evenings slated for entertainment, socializing and fun. Fee required, includes meals and lodging.

- Location: Prescott, Friendly Pines Camp
- Hosted by: Arizona Wildlife Federation
- Information: www.azwildlife.org, click on Education/BOW
- Register: BOW Coordinator at awf@azwildlife.org, 480-644-0077

Sept 17–18: Trapper's Fall Rendezvous in the Pines

See how trappers lived in 1850, trapping demonstrations and instruction, predator calling, trappers course, trapping supplies for sale, food, lots of camping space for a family friendly event.

- Location: Payson / Rim area
- Hosted by: Southwest Fur Harvesters
- Information: www.southwestfurharvesters.com



Sept. 30–Oct. 2: Unit 1 Trophy Squirrel Camp

Learn about hunting squirrels for beginners, other outdoor skills activities, food provided.

- Location: Pinetop/Lakeside, Los Burros Campground, Unit 1
- Hosted by: Arizona Game and Fish, Youth Outdoors Unlimited, RMEF, AES
- Information: Arizona Game and Fish, Region 1 Pinetop Office, 928-367-4281
- Register: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

Sept. 30–Oct. 2: Outdoor Skills, Squirrel Hunting & Fishing Camp

Camp for adults who are brand new to hunting and/or fishing, birdwatching, and outdoor skills. Outdoor cooked meals will be provided. Limited to 50 participants. Fee may be required.

- Location: Sharps Creek Campground, Payson area, Unit 23
- Hosted by: Arizona Game and Fish, Red Bear Outfitters, SCI - Phoenix Chapter, Mogollon Sportsmen Association
- Register: Joe Sayer, at JSayer@azgfd.gov, 928-853-0693

Oct. 6–9: Kaibab Youth Deer Hunters Base Camp

Kaibab deer hunters base camp with information and assistance, biology and habits, activities, some food and a campfire.

- Location: North Rim Grand Canyon, Unit 12A, SR22 & FR429
- Hosted by: Buckskin Chapter Arizona Deer Association
- Information: Rich Leightner, reightner@thebigpond.com, 928-645-9669

Oct. 6–9: Prescott Youth Deer Hunting Camp – MDF

Deer hunting information and mentored assistance biology, habitat, glassing, stalking techniques and game care tips will be covered. Coffee, hot coco, morning snacks, lunch and dinner will be provided. Campfire, games and raffles for the kids. Bring the family.

- Location: Prescott Area, Units 17B, 19A, 19B, 20A
- Hosted by: Prescott Chapter Mule Deer Foundation
- Information: Kevin Hall 928-713-6877, or kevin@prescottchaptermdf.org

Oct. 6–9: Unit 21 Blood Basin Youth Deer Hunt Camp – MDF

Deer hunting tips/assistance, biology and habits, food, hospitality, drawings, gifts, family welcome.

- Location: Bloody Basin Road, Unit 21/20B
- Hosted by: Mule Deer Foundation
- Information: Terry Herndon, therndon@muledeer.org, 623-696-5579

Oct. 6–9: Unit 22/23 Punkin Center Youth Deer Hunt Camp – MDF

Deer hunting tips, field assistance, biology and habits, food, hospitality, drawings, gifts, family welcome.

- Location: Roosevelt Lake area, Unit 22, 23
- Hosted by: Mule Deer Foundation
- Information: Terry Herndon, therndon@muledeer.org, 623-696-5579

Oct. 6-9: Unit 23 Youth Deer & Cow Elk Camp – Arizona Deer Association

Hospitality / support hunt camp for youth elk and deer tag holders, offering information, education, base camp, and some mentoring.

- Location: Colcord Campground in Unit 23
- Hosted By: Arizona Deer Association, Arizona Game and Fish
- Register: Davie Bruns, www.azdeer.org, (602) 228-1719, or info@azdeer.org

Oct. 6–9: Unit 6A/5BS Youth Elk Hunter's Camp – AES

Thursday pre-hunt activities include free dinner, tips on finding elk, meat care, safety, prizes and more. Support for game locating, retrieval, some mentoring, hot drinks, food and more offered throughout the weekend. No registration required.

- Location: Happy Jack Lodge, Unit 6A
- Hosted by: Arizona Elk Society
- Information: www.arizonaelksociety.org, or 602-492-5319

Oct. 6–9: White Mountain Youth Elk Hunter's Camp – RMEF

Hunt camp for youth hunters and their families, fun, educational camp, meals, campfire, prizes and activities.

- Location: White Mountains Sheep Corral in the Greens Peak area of Unit 1
- Hosted by: Rocky Mountain Elk

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- Foundation – White Mountain Chapter
- Register: www.whitemountainmef.org

Oct. 14–16: Yuma Youth Small Game Hunting Camp – YVRG

Learn to hunt small game (quail, rabbits) from experienced hunters, mentoring, shooting instruction, seminars, raffles, camping, and food.

- Location: Yuma area
- Hosted by: Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club, Southwest Arizona HPC, Arizona Game and Fish
- Information: Thom or Crystal Mango at Thom.cmsg@gmail.com.

Nov. 11–13: Youth Trappers Camp

Certified trapper's class for youth as well as adults, kids 17 and under are free, followed by hands-on practice of wildlife trapping, equipment and supplies provided, primitive camping onsite, some meals.

- Location: Chauncey Ranch, Mayer, AZ
- Hosted by Southwest Fur Harvesters
- Register: www.southwestfurharvesters.com, or Bob Rhoton (928) 532-5776

Nov. 18–20: Unit 42 Youth Deer Hunt Camp – MDF

Base camp to assist youth deer hunters with general deer hunting information, tactics and tips from experienced hunters, other outdoor skills and activities, some food provided.

- Location: Wickenburg, AZ, Unit 42
- Hosted by: Mule Deer Foundation, Arizona Game and Fish Department
- Information: Craig Heath at 928-856-0764 or cheath@azgfd.gov

Nov. 17–20: Unit 18B/20C Youth Deer, Javelina & Small Game Hunter's Camp – MDF / YOU

Free camp to assist with basics of deer hunting in the area, other outdoor activities, food, campfire and more.

- Location: Wikieup area, HWY 96 and Santa Maria River, Unit 18B/20C
- Hosted by: Mule Deer Foundation – Kingman Chapter, Youth Outdoors Unlimited, RMEF, AES, NWTF
- Register: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

Nov. 18–20: Unit 36A/36B Youth Deer Hunt Camp – AZSCI

Deer hunting tips and tactics for the area from experienced hunters, a safe centralized group camping area, and some food provided.

- Location: SW of Tucson, Units 36A and 36B
- Hosted by: Arizona Chapter of Safari Club
- International, Arizona Game and Fish
- Register: Bobby Boido, azsci@yahoo.com, (520) 490-8367

Dec. 9–11: Cibola Youth Waterfowl Hunt

Learn how to waterfowl hunt with an experienced mentor. Activities for the whole family include trap shooting, 3D archery, decoys and calling clinic, Dutch oven cooking, wildlife watching.

- Location: Cibola National Wildlife Refuge
- Hosted by: Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club, USFWS, AZGFD
- Contact: Yuma AZGFD office (928) 342-0091 or getoutsideaz@gmail.com

Dec. 10–11: Picketpost Small Game Hunting Camp

Geared toward new and novice hunters, offering instruction, mentoring hunting dove, quail, rabbits, coyotes and shooting techniques. Food provided, and some firearms available.

- Location: Superior, Picketpost Mountain, Unit 37B
- Hosted by: Red Bear Outfitters, Phoenix Chapter Safari Club International, Youth Outdoors Unlimited, Arizona Outdoor Sports, Arizona Game and Fish
- Register: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

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Jan. 13–15, 2017: Archery Javelina, Deer, Small Game Hunt Camp

Young archers and their parents will be mentored on bowhunting for javelina, and/or deer, also opportunities for hunting quail, rabbits, and fishing, group campsite, and more.

- Location: Lake Pleasant Regional Park, Unit 20B/26M
- Hosted by: Mule Deer Foundation, Shoot for Life Archery Club
- Register: Josiah, josiah@rossoutdoors.com or Terry, therndon@muledeer.org

Jan. 17, 2017: Javelina Hunting Seminar

Free seminar on hunting javelina including: tips, tactics, techniques, how to scout, calling, shot placement, field care and more. Raffles, door prizes, doors open at 6 p.m., seminar starts at 7 p.m.

- Location: Calvary Community Church, 12612 N. Black Canyon Hwy, Phoenix, AZ 85029
- Hosted by: Desert Christian Archers
- Information: www.desertchristianarchers.org
- Contact: AJ Murosky, info@desertchristianarchers.org



Jan. 20–22, 2017: Becoming and Outdoors-Woman

Workshop for adult women (18 and older) that teaches basic outdoor skills in a fun non-threatening environment, including sessions on fishing, hunting, kayaking, hiking and others focus on living and playing in our unique Sonoran Desert. Classes are held during the day with evenings slated for entertainment, socializing and fun. Fee required, includes meals and lodging.

- Location: Saguaro Lake Ranch, Mesa
- Hosted by: Arizona Wildlife Federation
- Information: www.azwildlife.org, click on Education/BOW
- Register: awf@azwildlife.org or 480-644-0077

Jan. 21, 2017: Wickenburg Youth Target Shooting Event

Free introduction to the shooting sports including: archery, air rifle, .22 rifle, and shotguns in a safe environment with 1-on-1 experienced instruction. Designed for youth aged 8 to 18, parent or guardian must be

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present. No registration required.

- Location: 1385 Constellation Road, Wickenburg AZ
- Hosted by: Wickenburg Sportsman's Club, Arizona Game and Fish
- Information: Craig Heath at 928-856-0764, cheath@azgfd.gov

Jan. 26–29, 2017: 37B Beginners Small Game & Youth Javelina Camp

Learn from experienced hunters and wildlife managers on where and how to hunt quail, jackrabbits and predators (all age group hunters), as well as javelina for youth with 37B tags, meals provided.

- Location: Florence area, Unit 37B
- Hosted by: Red Bear Outfitters, Arizona Predator Callers, Quail Forever, Arizona Pointing Dog Association, Arizona Fly Casters, Arizona Game and Fish,
- Information: www.AzPredatorCallers.com/Youth-Javelina-Camp
- Register: Kara Jensen at Kara.Jensen.AZ@gmail.com

Jan. 26–29, 2017: 20C/18B/16A Youth Javelina, Small Game & Predator hunting Camp – YOU

Free camp to assist with basics of locating and hunting javelina in a network of units, other outdoor activities, campout, and food provided.

- Location: Bagdad area, HWY 96 & Santa Maria River, Units 20C/18B/16A
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited
- Register: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

Feb. 16–19, 2017: Women's Javelina HAM Hunt Camp

For women new to hunting who want to learn how to hunt javelina and other outdoor skills. Food, gear, and experienced mentors are provided for novice hunters.

- Location: S.W. Tucson area, Units 36A/B/C
- Hosted by: Coupleswhitetail.com, SCI – AZ Chapter, Team Young Gunz, NWTF – Southern AZ Chapter Information: www.coupleswhitetail.com/womens_javelina_hunt_2017.htm
- Register: Amanda Moors, amanda@coupleswhitetail.com, 928-200-0544

Feb. 24–26, 2017: Mentored Javelina Hunting Camp – DCA

Free camp designed to help new javelina hunters, both kids & adults, learn all about javelina and how to hunt them. Mentored assistance for new hunters, field care, other outdoor activities, fellowship, bonfires, and food provided. Parents or guardians must be present with kids under 18. Space is limited.

- Location: Cordes Junction Area, Units 19A, 20A, 20B, 21
- Hosted by: Desert Christian Archers
- Information: www.desertchristianarchers.org
- Register: AJ Murosky, info@desertchristianarchers.org

Mar. 10–12, 2017: Junior Jack Kamp

Junior hunters that have completed Hunter Education learn about jackrabbit biology and basic hunting skills including skinning, harvesting, and cooking jackrabbit meat. Free, meals provided.

- Location: Southwest of Tucson, Unit 36A
- Hosted by: Safari Club Int'l. – AZ Chapter, NWTF, Arizona Game and Fish
- Register: Karen Klima at kklima@azgfd.gov

Mar. 21, 2017: Turkey Hunting Seminar – DCA

Free seminar with Colburn & Scott Outfitters teaching archery and shotgun techniques for hunting turkeys. Amazing videos. Learn scouting, locating and calling so you can bag one of these wily birds. Raffles, door prizes, vendors. Doors open at 6 p.m. seminar starts at 7 p.m.

- Location: Calvary Community Church, 12612 N. Black Canyon Hwy, Phoenix, 85029
- Hosted by: Desert Christian Archers
- Information: AJ Murosky, www.desertchristianarchers.org

April 20-23, 2017: Unit 6A Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Camp – Marvin Robbins Memorial

Learn to hunt Arizona's wild turkeys in this mentored turkey hunting camp, seminars, outdoor skills, activities and camping. Meals provided.

- Location: Happy Jack area, V bar V Ranch, serving Units 6A, 5A, 5B

- Hosted by: National Wild Turkey Federation, Arizona Wildlife Federation, Outdoor Experience 4 All, Xtreme Predator Callers
- Register: Tim Denny, longbeardsaz@gmail.com

April 20-23, 2017: Unit 23 Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Camp - Marvin Robbins Memorial

Learn to hunt Arizona's wild turkeys in this mentored turkey hunting camp, seminars, outdoor skills, activities and camping. Meals provided.

- Location: East of Payson, Colcord Ridge Campground, serving Units 23, 4A, 4B, 3C
- Hosted by: National Wild Turkey Federation, Arizona Elk Society, Phoenix Varmint Callers
- Register: Rich Williams at azgobbler@gmail.com

April 20-23, 2017: Unit 1/27 Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Camp - Marvin Robbins Memorial

Learn to hunt Arizona's wild turkeys in this mentored turkey hunting camp, seminars, outdoor skills, activities and camping. Meals provided.

- Location: White Mountains area, Unit 1, 27
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Arizona Game and Fish, Arizona Elk Society, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Register: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

April 21–23, 2017: Becoming an Outdoors-Woman

Workshop for adult women (18 and older) that teaches basic outdoor skills in a fun non-threatening environment, including sessions on fishing, hunting, kayaking, hiking, rappelling, camping, GPS and more are offered. Classes are held during the day with evenings slated for entertainment, socializing and fun. Fee required, includes meals and lodging.

- Location: Friendly Pines Camp, Prescott
- Hosted by: Arizona Wildlife Federation
- Information: www.azwildlife.org, click on Education/BOW
- Register: awf@azwildlife.org or 480-644-0077

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An Introduction to Hunting Arizona's Small Game **By Randall D. Babb**

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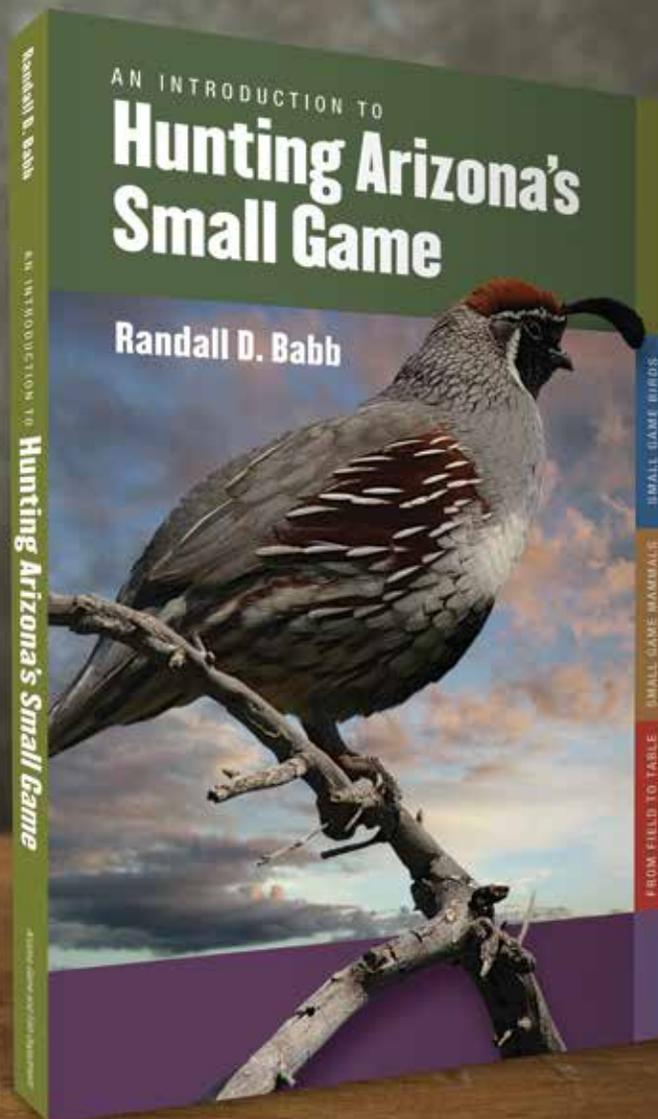
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